

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GENERAL INFORMATION ON PREQUALIFICATION AND BIDDING

CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) awards contracts for construction and maintenance of the state highway system. The types of work contracted include: concrete paving, bituminous paving, grading, bridges, traffic signals, signing, pavement marking, drainage culverts, curbs, walks, paved side ditches, seeding and sodding, landscaping, guardrail, fence, painting bridges, vegetation control, rest area buildings, roadside mowing, demolition, weigh stations, and other miscellaneous work.

PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS

Indiana Code, IC-8-23-2-6, requires that a contractor desiring to offer bids for the performance of INDOT contracts for the construction or maintenance of highways and bridges and appurtenances thereto must first be prequalified by INDOT and shall file a verified statement of experience and financial condition using the forms furnished by INDOT. Requirements for Prequalification of Contractors are in accordance with the rules found in the Indiana Administration Code under Rule 105 IAC 11-2. The rules and forms for prequalification are available at <http://www.state.in.us/dot/business/contract/prequal.html>. For more information please contact:

Prequalification Engineer
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N855
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2218
Telephone: 317-232-5094

An applicant must possess the qualifications prescribed and be determined to be a competent and responsible bidder as verified by the inquiries and investigations of INDOT to qualify for a certificate of qualification. The areas considered for qualification of the contractor include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Organization
- (2) Personnel
- (3) Construction experience
- (4) Prosecution of work on previous contracts
- (5) Condition and adequacy of equipment
- (6) Financial condition and quality of financial information
- (7) The contractor's attitude toward department rules and the general public.

A contractor may be classified for one (1) or more types of work. The contractor will be assigned a classification which will limit the type and quantity of incomplete work it has under contract at any one time as principal or subcontractor regardless of the location of the work or with whom it is contracted. Also, a contractor will be assigned an aggregate amount that is to be considered the largest dollar amount of incomplete work it shall have under contract at any one time, either as principal or subcontractor or both, regardless of its location and with whom it is contracted. (For exception, see Rule 105 IAC 11-2-3(b)).

No bidder shall be given a certificate of qualification unless the review of its statement shows that it possesses net current assets sufficient in the judgment of the commissioner to render it probable that it can satisfactorily execute its contracts and meet its obligations.

BIDDING PROCESS

Letting information is available at:

<http://www.state.in.us/dot/div/contracts/letting/index.html>

LETTING ADVERTISEMENT

Contracts on which bids are solicited by INDOT will be advertised, on the above website, five (5) weeks prior to the opening of bids. The advertisement will be shorter for contracts being relet or for emergency contracts.

PLAN DISPLAY ROOM

Contract plans and special provisions for contracts advertised may be examined 33 days before the letting in INDOT's plan display room, N855 Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, in Indianapolis. The display room is open during normal working hours, 8:15 AM to 4:45 PM, E.S.T.

ORDERING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Notice to Contractors will show the location of the project, list of documents, their cost, and qualification requirements. Documents for contracts advertised may be ordered from INDOT five (5) weeks prior to the bid opening. An order form and instructions are provided on our website. For more information please contact:

Indiana Department of Transportation
Contract Sales, Room N855
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2218
Telephone: 317-232-5070
Fax: 317-232-0676

When requested, bidding proposals will be issued to any properly qualified contractor up to 4:30 PM, Indianapolis time on the last work day immediately preceding the bid opening date unless otherwise indicated in the advertisement. Subcontractors and suppliers should order the contract information document, plans, etc.

Payment for documents ordered should be made to the Indiana Department of Transportation. Companies that have an account with INDOT may charge their order. An invoice will be included with shipment. When ordering documents, please include your account number (assigned by INDOT) and a location address where items are to be shipped. Orders are shipped by United Parcel Service (UPS).

BIDDING DOCUMENT

The bidding document is titled PROPOSAL, which includes all the forms required for bidding a specific contract. All papers bound with or attached to the proposal are considered a part thereof and shall not be detached or altered when the proposal is submitted. All forms in the proposal should be signed and notarized where required prior to submitting your proposal. Please review Rule 105 IAC 11-3-7, Preparation of Proposal. If you are the successful bidder and awarded the contract, there should be no further signatures or bid forms required from you after the award.

BONDING

A bidder must submit a bid bond and a performance bond with their bid on the forms furnished by INDOT in the proposal except on contracts for roadside mowing, vegetation control, demolition, landscaping, fencing, seeding and sodding, bridge painting, and guardrail installations for \$100,000.00 or less, the bidder may elect not to furnish the performance bond. Please review Rule 105 IAC 11-3-8, Bid and Performance bonds. A bid bond is always required. A valid power of attorney letter from the surety company executing the bonds must also be included. In addition, an Indiana resident agent or a non-resident agent executing the bonds must submit with the bonds a copy of their current license issued by the Indiana Department of Insurance. An employee of the surety company may execute the bonds.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

After the proposals are opened and read, the proposals will be compared on the basis of the summation of the products of the quantities shown in INDOT's schedule of pay items by the unit prices bid. The award will be made to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed in the proposal and the Requirements for Bidding found in Rule 105 IAC 11-3.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

After the award of the contract and prior to commencing work, the successful bidder must submit the following insurance documents:

- (1) Certificate of Insurance as evidence the contractor carries insurance that meets the requirements of Article 103.04(b) and (c) in the INDOT Standard Specifications book.
- (2) Certificate of Compliance from the Indiana Worker's Compensation Board as evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Indiana Worker's Compensation Act and the Indiana Worker's Occupational Diseases Act. See Article 103.04(a) in the INDOT Standard Specifications book.
- (3) An Owner's and Contractor's Protective Liability Insurance Policy for the State of Indiana. As part of your contract, you are required to purchase an OCPL policy for the State of Indiana. See Article 103.04(e) in the INDOT Standard Specifications book.
- (4) Railroad Protective Liability insurance may be required in your contract. If required, the contract information document will so state giving the name of the railroad to be insured. See Article 103.04(d) in the INDOT Standard Specifications book.

NOTICE TO PROCEED

After the proposal has been signed by the Commissioner of INDOT or his appointed representative, approved by the Chief Counsel of INDOT, and all other approvals and requirements have been met, a Notice to Proceed will be issued. Notice to Proceed refers to the written notice to the contractor to proceed with the contract work. On most contracts, a Notice to Proceed will be issued within 30 days of letting.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

After the award of contract and prior to commencing work, the bidder should contact the construction engineer in the district where the work is to be performed to schedule a pre-construction conference. The following is a list of contact telephone numbers:

Crawfordsville District Construction Engineer	765-361-5214
Fort Wayne District Construction Engineer	260-969-8245
Greenfield District Construction Engineer	317-467-3432
LaPorte District Construction Engineer	219-325-7540
Seymour District Construction Engineer	812-524-3739
Vincennes District Construction Engineer	812-895-7375

INTERNET

Additional information for doing business with INDOT is available at:
<http://www.state.in.us/dot/business/contract/index.html>

We are hopeful this publication will help you better understand the prequalification and bidding process for INDOT contracts. For more information on Prequalification, please contact Mr. Danny Wampler at 317-232-5094. For more information on bidding INDOT contracts, please contact Mr. Michael Beuchel at 317-232-5326.